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SUBJECT: PM EMERGES STRONGER FROM INDEPENDENCE PARTY CONVENTION

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1. PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON WAS RENAMED INDEPENDENCE PARTY CHAIRMAN BY OVERWHELMING VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION MAY 3-6 AND EMERGES FROM MEETING WITH STRENGTHENED HAND IN BOTH PARTY AND PRIME MINISTERIAL CAPACITIES.

2. HALLGRIMSSON COLLECTED 650 VOTES (OUT OF 749 CAST) TO 65 FOR VICE CHAIRMAN GUNNAR THORODDSEN IN ELECTION FOR CHAIRMAN. THORODDSEN WAS EASILY RETURNED AS VICE CHAIRMAN WITH VOTE OF 631 AGAINST 64 FOR NEAREST COMPETITOR.

3. THOUGH RESULT CAME AS NO SURPRISE, ESPECIALLY ONCE IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THORODDSEN WOULD NOT MAKE SERIOUS PUSH FOR LEADERSHIP (REFTEL), ELECTION IS BEING CITED BY IP SOURCES AS MOST SIGNIFICANT OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE. NEITHER HALLGRIMSSON NOR

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THORODDSEN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ELECTED TO PRESENT POSTS BY FULL IP CONVENTION; BOTH RATHER WERE CHOSEN BY SPECIAL MECHANISM TO

REPLACE PREDECESSORS FORCED BY ILLNES TO RETIRE SINCE LAST
NATIONAL CONFERENCE. AS RESULT OF THIS WEEK'S VOTE, ACCORDING
TO IP POLITICIANS, HALLGRIMSSON'S LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN NOW
OFFICIALLY AND OVERWHELMINGLY ENDORSED BY LARGEST AND MOST
REPRESENTATIVE PARTY FORUM, AND HIS CREDENTIALS AS BOTH PARTY AND
GOVERNMENT LEADER ARE ENHANCED ACCORDINGLY. SIMILARLY, ELECTION
OF HALLGRIMSSON AND THORODSSEN TO RESPECTIVE POSTS BY NATIONAL
CONVENTION AUTHORITATIVELY CONFIRMS HALLGRIMSSON'S INTRA-
PARTY PRIMACY AND OSTENSIBLY MARKS FORMAL END OF JOCKEYING
FOR SUPREMACY BETWEEN HIM AND THORODDSSEN THAT HAS CAUSED
DIVISION AND UNCERTAINTY WITHIN PARTY DURING PAST TWO YEARS.
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